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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated at the public hearings held November 18-20, 2019, and December 2-4, 2019:

Supreme Court

Seat 5

The Honorable George C. James Jr., Sumter, SC

Court of Appeals

Seat 7

**The Honorable Stephanie Pendarvis McDonald,
Charleston, SC**

Circuit Court

At-Large, Seat 11

The Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Columbia, SC

At-Large, Seat 13

Amanda A. Bailey, Myrtle Beach, SC

Debbie Chapman, Chapin, SC

The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes III, Beaufort, SC

Family Court

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Ernest Joseph Jarrett, Kingstree, SC

4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

The Honorable Michael S. Holt, Hartsville, SC

5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Blakely Copeland Cahoon, Columbia, SC

Laurel Eden Harvey Hendrick, Columbia, SC

C. Vance Stricklin Jr., Columbia, SC

6th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Debra A. Matthews, Blackstock, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 5	Spiros Stavros Ferderigos , Charleston, SC Marissa K. Jacobson , Charleston, SC Julianne M. Stokes , Charleston, SC
10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	M. Scott McElhannon , Anderson, SC Brittany Dreher Senerius , Anderson, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 5	The Honorable Tarita A. Dunbar , Greenville, SC
14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	Jean K. McCormick , Beaufort, SC The Honorable Douglas L. Novak , Bluffton, SC
15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	The Honorable Ronald R. Norton , Murrells Inlet, SC
At-Large, Seat 1	Martha M. Rivers Davisson , Aiken, SC Kimaka (Kim) Nichols-Graham , Greenville, SC R. Chadwick (Chad) Smith , Rock Hill, SC
At-Large, Seat 2	The Honorable Bryan C. Able , Laurens, SC Timothy E. Madden , Greenville, SC Rebecca West , Lexington, SC

Administrative Law Court

Seat 3	The Honorable Harold W. (Bill) Funderburk Jr. , Camden, SC
Seat 4	The Honorable Deborah Brooks Durden , Columbia, SC

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified:

Master-in-Equity

Berkeley County	The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook , Goose Creek, SC
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As a reminder, the record remains open until the final report is issued at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Accordingly, judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until that time.

The election is currently scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

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